

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A method for reducing residual irritation caused by a warming material in a warming patch, comprising:

applying the warming patch onto a subject, the patch comprising

a support, and

an adhesive layer disposed on at least one surface of said support, the adhesive layer comprising a warming material, l-menthol, and polyethylene glycol, the polyethylene glycol being blended to the adhesive layer as a residual irritation reducing agent in an amount of from 3-25 mass %, based on the total amount of the adhesive layer.

12. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the residual irritation is a prickling feeling by elevating body temperature of the subject.

13. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the warming material is selected from the group consisting of capsaicin, dihydroxycapsaicin, capsanthin, capsaicinoid, capsicoside, capsicum extract, capsicum tincture, capsici fructus pulveratus, benzyl nicotinate, beta-butoxyethyl nicotinate, N-acyl vanillamide, nonylic acid vanillamide and vanillyl alcohol alkyl ether.

14. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the warming material is present in an amount of 0.001-0.1 mass % and the menthol is present in an amount of 0.01-5 mass %, based on the total amount of the adhesive layer.

15. (New) The method according to claims 1, wherein the molecular weight of the polyethylene glycol is in the range of 200-4000.

16. (New) The method according to claims 1, wherein the adhesive layer further contains a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

17. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the support comprises a triple layer structure comprising a thermoplastic resin film and a fibrous sheet of woven or nonwoven fabric disposed on both sides of the resin film, respectively.

18. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the support has a water vapor transmission of 500-6000 m²/24 hr.